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MRS. STUMPF DEAD.

Body Not Found For Three Days After.

Mrs. Laura Stumpf, wife of the late Jacob Stumpf, was found dead in bed last Friday afternoon at her home in Benton City. She lived alone. Dr. Strode, County Coroner, thinks she died Wednesday night, likely of acute heart failure. Wednesday was the last day she was seen alive, when she was seen feeding her chickens. Not noticing Mrs. Stumpf around, Friday afternoon Wm. Coil, a neighbor, became uneasy and made an investigation. He found all the doors bolted. Dr. W. H. Douglass was called and entrance was forced into the house. The dead body of Mrs. Stumpf was found on a bed. Her purse was found hanging at the post of the bed containing about \$400 in money.

Mrs. Stumpf was about 60 years old. She yet owned the old homestead of 160 acres north-east of Benton City. A son, John Stumpf, lives south of Benton; "Pet" Stumpf, another son, lives in St. Louis. The only daughter, Miss Ellen, married Mr. Frank Shoup, northeast of Mexico. Earl, another son, lives at Moberly.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved ones.

EMMONS-CARTER NUPTIALS.

Mr. St. Clair Emons, son of S. P. Emons of this city, and Miss Mary Carter, daughter of Judge Alex Carter, north of Mexico, were united in marriage at the bride's home at 11 o'clock last Saturday. Rev. A. W. Taylor of Columbia officiating. Only immediate relatives and friends were present. A wedding dinner was served at the noon hour. The couple then departed on a bridal trip, to be absent about two weeks.

Thus is joined in heart and for life two of Audrain's most highly respected young people.

The groom is one of the proprietors of Long Branch Stock Farm, noted for the production of fine Shorthorn cattle. He is a most excellent young man. The bride is a graduate of McMillan High School and also a graduate of Missouri University. Charming and talented and accomplished. Mr. Emons has won a gem and we congratulate him. Our best wishes extended them both.

PUPILS WIN PRIZES.

Four pupils in Burnham school, in Audrain county, north of Centralia, taught by Miss Janette R. White, received cash prizes lately offered by the Berry Writing Book Co. of Chicago for the best copybook submitted from counties in Missouri using the Berry Writing Book system. But five prizes were offered in the State, as we understand it, and all five were captured by Audrain pupils. The fifth prize—the highest offered—was won by Miss Mary Lewis, 13 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lewis, of Saling township, this county.

DR. MONROE FINED.

Dr. T. M. Monroe of Laddonia found guilty in the Circuit Court in Mexico last week to six charges of violation of the local option law and was fined \$1,800 in all. The case was to have come up in the last term of court but was postponed.

Willie Pejelman, down near Laddonia, was operated on for appendicitis recently. Report has it that the little man is getting along bravely.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

R. L. Davis: I'm going back to California, Mr. Editor. Have sold my farm, near Thompson, to Claude Sansberry and he takes possession at once. I leave here about the 15th. Have been wanting to return to the Golden State ever since I moved back here from there several years ago. I am arranging for a public sale Thursday of next week. Sorry to leave you, but I'm not like Abraham, going to a land that I know not of.

E. H. Roberts: Let me show you a sample of clover I grew last year—the red variety. You never saw a better sample. I had quite a field of it. Tell the Audrain county farmers to sow more clover. It's easy to grow and nothing beats it as a fertilizer.

Dr. S. C. Adams: You are wrong that W. H. Beal entered land from the Government in Audrain county in 1855 at 12½ cents an acre. Mr. Beal tells me that he got his land at that figure but he bought another man's claim. I have lived in the county a good while and I remember some of that early history. No land to be entered then.

S. P. Cunningham: The county lost a mighty fine citizen when Judge M. C. Flynt died. He was a manly man; courteous, gentle as a child and a thoro Christian. A Mason also, he was faithful to every tenet of the order. Sincere in thought and action, there was not an iota of hypocrisy in his entire make-up. The world needs more such men as this.

Roy Harris: I came up from the farm—my father's place near Martinsburg. I'm with Phillip Bros. in Mexico, as you know. I have a brother, 11 years old, we call Herald Harris, named for the Laddonia Herald, with which the editor of the Message was formerly connected. My father is in Kansas City this week to get a bunch of light cattle which he will pasture this summer. Father has quite an acreage of pasture. He will not farm heavy this year, but what he does he will make it "intensive."

Frank Armistead: My father was Joseph C. Armistead. My mother was Miss Josephine Myers. She was a teacher for 16 years. Taught for several terms in the old frame building yet standing on the east edge of Hardin College campus—before there was any Hardin College thought of. The late Mrs. Annie Armistead was an aunt of mine. She was a teacher also. During the Civil War Aunt Annie, but 14 years old, who lived in the country near Mexico, happened in town one day when the Union soldiers were stationed here and they had a number of Confederate soldiers as prisoners forcing them to sweep the Court House yard. Aunt threw one of the Confederates an apple and she was arrested and put in jail a couple of days. Grandfather Meredith Myers, on my mother's side, came here from Kentucky in 1828 and settled near the present site of Rising Sun church. He was one of the Charter members of Rising Sun. Was the Charter member of the first Christian church formed in the county—organized at Mexico, nine members. The old church, a frame, stood on the lot where W. J. Porowski now lives. I went to Sunday school there when but seven years old. I'm now 53 and haven't yet forgotten all the good lessons I learned at the old church in those early days.

STOCK JUDGING CONTEST.

Boys and Girls in the Game—Ten Schools Interested.

Laddonia, this county, is winning laurels for herself and distinction over the entire State for a live stock judging contest between 10 Audrain county schools that is to be held in that little city next Saturday. The Message has referred to the event several times before. The contest will be under the auspices of the Rural Life and School Association of Laddonia, a branch of the Audrain County Farm Bureau. The judging will have to do only with heavy and light horses, dairy cattle and beef cattle, and both boys and girls will participate.

Rev. John L. Watson of Laddonia, pastor of the Baptist church, it might be noted, who was instrumental in forming the organization, will be assisted by County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson, and the Audrain County Farm Adviser, E. W. Rusk. Johnson and Rusk have visited the schools entered in the contest, helping pupils prepare for the work, which, it is expected, will increase the agricultural instruction in not only these, but other schools in Audrain. By the way, the first instruction in Agriculture ever given in an Audrain county school originated at or rather near Laddonia; it was in the Cauthorn school and the late lamented County Superintendent of Schools Lester J. Shobe was the teacher.

R. E. Emberson, head of the Rural Educational Department of the University of Missouri, has sent each school lessons on the various phases of agriculture, and pupils will be examined on the lessons. Prizes will be awarded the three pupils standing highest in each of the contests.

The meeting will require an entire day. Starting at 9 a. m., oral questions will be asked. At the same hour in another building, will be held the display of composition work. From 11 o'clock until noon the stock-judging contests will be held.

At 1:30 p. m. the following will make twenty-minute talks: Address of welcome, Mr. Watson; "The Stock-Judging Contest," Mr. Rusk; "The Needs of Our Schools," Mr. Johnson, and "Boys and Girls' Club Work," Mr. Emberson.

The score card to be used by the stock judges will be especially interesting. It has been prepared by the Audrain County Farm Bureau, and bears photographs of animals owned in the vicinity, with all their parts labeled.

The schools entered, and their teachers, are: Cauthorn, Miss Hummel; West Lick, Miss Hoffrichter; Edwards, Miss Underwood; Black, Miss Furber; Bear Slough, Miss Smith; Oak Grove, Miss Farrah; Elm Bend, Miss Talbot; McClintie, Miss Hagan; Hickory Grove, Miss Watson, and Farber, Miss Morris.

T. B. Hassler, who used to be a blacksmith in Mexico, who is one of the best fellows we know, is advancing a little back toward his old home here. He has moved from Higbee to Centralia and directs that the Message shall follow him.

Harvey Summers, down northwest of Laddonia, lost his dwelling house by fire recently. We sympathize with him in this misfortune. Mrs. Summers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farrah of Mexico.

MR. LEMON DEAD.

Herded Cattle on Grounds Where Vandalia Now Stands.

Vandalia, Mo., March 26. Joseph Rice ("Uncle Abe") Lemon, who once herded cattle on the plains where the City of Vandalia now stands, died at his home here Monday.

Mr. Lemon, who was born in Pike county, Mo., September 12, 1838, long ago became known as "Uncle Abe" because of his remarkable resemblance to Lincoln and his qualities of honesty and truth, for which "Honest Abe" Lincoln was famous.

Mr. Lemon was married in 1852 to Nancy Jane Neal. To this union were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. The other four—A. V., P. K. and E. C. Lemon of Vandalia and Mrs. Sammie A. Mounce, of Joplin—survive their father.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Lemon was married, in 1897, to Mrs. Nannie A. Butler, who survives him.

AN INDIAN FIGHTER.

Rev. Cobb of Mexico Proposes a Monument.

Rev. H. I. Cobb is pastor of three or four Methodist churches down in Montgomery county, but he owns a farm, and he and his family reside upon it, four miles southwest of Mexico, just at the terminus of the electric railway—where it stops and was built no further. Bro. Cobb has brought himself into note over the State by the proposition to erect a monument in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary in 1915 of the death of Capt. James Callaway, one of the greatest Indian fighters in the history of Missouri, who lost his life in a battle against the red men in Montgomery county.

The following board has been suggested to take charge of the movement and raise funds: B. S. Baker, Americus; Alfred De Vault, New Florence; L. D. Mudd, Montgomery City; Dr. Luther Jones, Jonesburg. The grave of Capt. Callaway is on the farm of R. W. Baker.

Three hundred and fifty dollars is required for the proposed monument, and Mr. Cobb is anxious to have the fund raised entirely by the school children of the county.

For Sale: 20 tons Sheaf oats. Henry Klotz, Benton City, Mo.

FAY BRANSTETTER DEAD.

Fay E. Branstetter, 28 years old, died last Thursday at the home of his parents in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Branstetter. Fay was the only child. He was born in Vandalia, but the family moved to Mexico about 20 years ago. Fay was a printer and also was an expert operator on the linotype. The funeral was held at the home Friday morning, conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace, burial in Elmwood. The printers of the city placed a costly floral offering on the casket. The pallbearers were Leo Hanley, J. B. Armstrong, H. D. Llewellyn, L. W. Myers, Wm. Wigginton and Martin T. Myers.

Clarence Atchison, who is home from a sanitarium in Minnesota, is yet very weak and is at the home of Field Abridge in Laddonia. He is the son of Ed. Atchison, the auctioneer, at Worcester. Clarence is a fine fellow and we hope for his early recovery to health.

Earl Bledsoe is recovering from a severe illness.

HITS AND TIPS.

The Wellsville Optic-News comments that that town has an organization of young men who get together and make bets that they can ruin certain young girls. Evidently Wellsville needs a juvenile hanging or two, harsh as that may sound.

There were 392 births in Audrain county during 1913 as against 293 deaths. That's keeping well ahead of the Great Reaper toward "multiplying and replenishing the earth."

The superintendent of the Vandalia schools corrected a 16 year old boy the other day and the father of the boy, a great big 260 pounder, met the teacher on the street and knocked him down and beat him unmercifully. The father has been arrested and will have to answer for the assault in the courts. We learn that the sympathy of the Vandalia community is very largely with the teacher. And that's right. From all we can learn the teacher was merely carrying out his duties under the law. His assailant is an anarchist. His punishment should be summary. Teach him a lesson he will not forget. Bring him to a place for repentance.

A number of farmers down in Ralls county sent off from home for clover seed, paying \$7.00 per bushel. Some of them, however, became suspicious—it might be a cheat—and they sent a sample to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for analysis. The department found it contained sorrel, curled dock, green foxtail, lamb's quarter, buckhorn, lady's thumb, charlock and a dozen other plants of disfigurement, not saying if there were any clover at all. Seven dollars per bushel is a good price to pay for weeds when you can get more than you can fight down here at home free.

Auld Ireland has been working for Home Rule for a hundred years and at last she is about to get it, but nine counties, composing the State of Ulster, do not want it and have raised an army of 100,000 to fight it if it is attempted to force the regulations upon them. Ulster is largely Protestant and the remainder of the Emerald Isle is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. Protestant does not want Catholic rule and Catholic would not brook Protestant rule where the Pope has sway, and there's the rub, and how are you going to rub it out and fix it.

Aunt Elmira Wagener of Proteau, Mo., is past 113 years old. She is believed to be the oldest woman in Missouri. The town she lives in, Proteau, gets its name from the Latin phrase, pro tempore, which means, "for the time being." Mrs. Wagener has been for the time being and then some. She not only has great age but lives by herself, in a log cabin, and takes care of her own truck patch and loves her own sweet potatoes.

FIFTY DOLLARS' VERDICT.

Mrs. Violet Hall, wife of Jesse Hall, now of Mexico, in her suit in the Circuit Court here last week against Dr. T. M. Monroe of Laddonia for \$10,000 alleged damages for careless treatment of a broken collar bone, was awarded a verdict for \$50. The jury was a number of hours coming to an agreement, finally settled on a compromise, as we understand it.

THE CHAUTAUQUA.

Musical Numbers—Great Laugh-Event, "Comedy of Errors."

The Mexico Chautauqua will be held August 20 to 26. It will be the greatest yet. Seven musical numbers. Great laughing event, "Comedy of Errors," by 15 people. Noted speakers, orators and humorists to be here.

The seven musical companies will be: Quintana's Band of 30 pieces from N. Y. City—one of the great eastern bands.

Schildkret's Hungaria orchestra of ten people—the largest musical organization ever furnished on one of our programs outside of the band. Schildkret is the greatest Hungarian leader in the world and will remind people very much of the famous Russian band leader—Thavin.

The Redpath Grand Opera Co., giving "Martha" in costume.

The Tyrolean Alpine Yodlers and singers from Switzerland.

Rogers and Grilley—a combination that will remind you of the Meeks Co.

Horton-Verdi Co.—a humorous combination.

The Dunbar Sextette—a company of six attractive young ladies.

The speakers will be:

Ex-Gov. Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina, one of America's most popular orators. Gov. Glenn has just been appointed by President Wilson as a member of the Inter-Boundary commission at a salary of \$7500 per annum. Ex-Senator Cannon of Utah—editor of the Rocky Mountain Daily News—the greatest dramatic orator in America.

Gov. Buchtel of Colorado, known as the preacher-governor and a magnificent speaker.

Congressman Jas. E. Watson of Indiana—known as "The Whip of the House" and considered by many the most brilliant orator ever in the House.

Chancellor Geo. H. Bradford of Oklahoma, a man who will remind you both in looks and oratory of Bryan.

Dr. Reitzel, one of the old tandbys of the lyceum.

Father Flemming of the Apostolic Mission House of Washington.

Montreville Wood in his demonstration of the Gyroscope, ultra violet rays and monorail.

Julius Caesar Nayphie—born in Greece, reared in Palestine and educated in America.

An illustrated lecture on Panama by Dr. Poole who is now in Panama, getting the latest views.

The Raweis—a company of native New Zealanders—born in cannibalism.

As is predicted, however, the biggest attraction of the week will be the appearance of the famous Ben Greet Players—15 people—giving the complete laughing comedy—"The Comedy of Errors." This is acknowledged to be the greatest company of similar character.

A. H. Diens, who recently moved from this county to Chariton, Iowa, writes that he is lonesome without the Mexico Message and directs that the paper shall be sent to his address, and here goes.

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